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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN TALKS

REF: BERLIN 5857

1. AT LUNCH ON APRIL 27 WITH TWO ALLIED MINISTERS AND POLAD, STATE SECRETARY SPANGENBERG MADE A FEW COMMENTS ON THE UPCOMING INNER-GERMAN TLKS, AS DID MAYOR SCHUETZ AT MEETING WITH COMMANDANTS ON APRIL 26.
2. BOTH SPANGENBERG AND SHUETZ THOUGHT THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PACKAGE WOULD BE LENGTHY AND GO ON FOR MONTHS. SCHUETZ THOUGHT THAT EXCEPT FOR PAYMENTS AND MONEY MATTERS, THERE WAS NOT TOO MUCH IN THE FRG PACKAGE WHICH WOULD INTEREST THE GDR.
3. SENATOR STOBBE (USBER 1087) RECENTLY DEPLORED THE LATENESS IN PREPARATION OF THE FRG PACKAGE, AND OFFERED  
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THE VIEW THAT ITS EARLIER PRESENTATION MIGHT HAVE FORESTALLED SOME OF THE GDR MOVES IN JANUARY. LATER, SENAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR SCHULZE ELABORATED THE SAME IDEA TO US, AND IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS IS A WIDELY HELD SENAT VIEW. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS, SPANGENBERG SAID HE DID NOT THINK EARLER TIMING WOULD HAVE BEEN ADVANTAGEOUS.

4. SPANGENBERG AND SHUETZ BOTH ASSERTED THAT THE FIRST "SOUNDINGS" WOULD BE MADE BY GAUS, AND THAT THE PUTATIVE WISCHNEWSKI ROLE WAS STILL A CONTROVERSIAL IRRITANT. SPANGENBERG SAID THAT WISCHNEWSKI WOULD NECESSARILY HANDLE SOME POINTS WITH KOHL IN BONN, AND "PERHAPS" WITH NIER IN BERLIN.

5. THE EAST GERMANS ARE CURRENTLY JUMPY, ACCORDING TO SPANGENBERG. HE SAID THEY WERE NERVOUS ABOUT THE FORTH-COMING WESTERN SUMMIT (GIVEN UNCERTAINTY ABOUT EVOLUTION OF US POLICY), ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FRG "PACKAGE," AND ABOUT THE CONTINUING REPERCUSSIONS OF HELSINKI.

6. COMMENT: THE SUDDEN SHIPWRECK OF THE SPD SENAT COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON FRG INNER-GERMAN PLANS. IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT THE UPCOMING COMPLETE RECONSTITUTION OF THE SENAT WILL ALSO RESULT IN THE REPLACEMENT OF SHUETZ, AND THE SAME FEW NAMES ARE AGAIN BEING MENTIONED AS HIS SUCCESSOR, I.E., REIBSCHLAEGER, STOBBE, OR RISTOCK FROM BERLIN, AND WISCHNEWSKI AND (SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH) ROWEDDER AS OUTSIDERS. IF WISCHNEWSKI WERE SHIFTED TO BERLIN, THIS WOULD DOUBTLESS BETTER GAUS' CHANCES TO BE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT A RECONSTITUTED SPD/FDP SENAT WOULD ALTER IN ANY WAY THE COMPOSITION OF THE CURRENT FRG NEGOTIATING PACKAGE. BUT ENTRY OF THE CDU INTO THE SENAT, EITHER AS A MINORITY GOVERNMENT OR IN COALITION, COULD RESULT IN A FULL REVIEW OF THE PACKAGE

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